

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Holmes at 9:00 a.m. on February 26, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Annie Kuether- excused  
Representative Cindy Neighbor- excused

Committee staff present:

Melissa Doeblin, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Mary Torrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Rena Hansen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ernie Lehman, General Manager, Midwest Energy  
Mark Schreiber, Westar  
Les Evans, KEPCo  
Scott Jones, KCP&L  
Gregory Flege, BPU  
Whitney Damron, The Empire

Others attending:

Twenty-four including the attached list.

### **Wind Generation and Energy Efficiency in Kansas**

Ernie Lehman, General Manager, Midwest Energy, (Attachments 1 & 2), spoke to the committee about their involvement in wind and noted they will have no problem having 20% of their energy supplied by wind. Additionally, Mr. Lehman shared with the committee how Midwest Energy is helping their customers with energy efficiency.

Questions were asked by Representative Tom Sloan.

Mark Schreiber, Westar, (Attachment 3), presented information to the committee on the wind and energy efficiency that are part of Westar's energy mix. He noted that one of their key strategies for the near future is to aggressively pursue energy efficiency and demand-side management programs.

Questions were asked by Representatives: Tom Sloan, Margaret Long, Vern Swanson, Forrest Knox, Carl Holmes, and Joe Seiwert.

Les Evans, KEPCo, (Attachment 4), gave a presentation on wind and energy efficiency and its' integration in their members' energy strategy plan. He also offered some basic information on where their power supply is purchased from, and the break down in the source of energy. He noted that their goal is to minimize their peak demand, as that minimizes the amount of peak costs.

Scott Jones, KCP&L, (Attachment 5), presented information to the committee on KCP&L's wind and energy efficiency commitment. He began by talking about KCP&L's comprehensive energy plan. Of note are the \$1.1 million dollars in energy savings for Kansans with the implementation of energy efficiency programs used within KCP&L's Kansas footprint.

Gregory Flege, BPU, (Attachment 6), offered information to the committee on the projected loads needed for their demand footprint, and production anticipated for the next ten years, with break outs noted for renewable resources. Additionally, he noted ways BPU is implementing energy savings programs in their personal office spaces as well as helping residential and commercial/industrial consumer customers.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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Whitney Damron, The Empire, (Attachment 7), spoke to the committee on Empire's wind energy mix and energy efficiency programs enacted by the company.

Questions were asked by Representatives: Tom Sloan, Carl Holmes, and Vince Wetta.

The Chairman noted the plan for the committee the next two weeks, with information about the tours that are planned for the next two Fridays.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.